

REMARKS

Claims 218-235 are pending in this application. Claims 218-234 were indicated to have been allowed in the June 4, 2004 Final Office Action. Claim 235 was rejected.

This Amendment is being filed in response to the June 4, 2004 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application and pursuant to a telephone interview on June 22, 2004 between Examiner Murphy and applicants' undersigned attorney. In the June 22, 2004 telephone interview Examiner Murphy indicated that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 could be overcome by amending claim 235 to recite that the membrane preparation comprises the rat or human NPFF2 receptor encoded by the DNA referred to in the claims from which claim 235 depends.

Pursuant to the June 22, 2004 telephone interview, applicants have amended claim 235 above. Applicants maintain that claim 235 as amended is allowable.

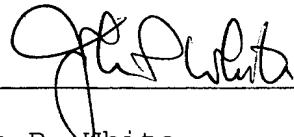
Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the ground of rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn and earnestly elicit allowance of claim 235 as amended as well as previously allowed claims 218-234.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

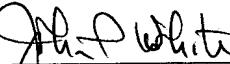
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